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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Daniel J. Murphy, USN (Ret.)
Deputy Under Secretary for Policy
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Documents

1. Attached is a memorandum I've received from my Deputy Director for Operations (DDO) concerning the distribution of highly sensitive documents to theater commanders. Attached also is my memorandum to DDO which expressed my concern with an earlier proposal on this subject.

2. Let me say that I am enthusiastic about getting these sensitive documents to our principal military commanders. At this point, however, I need some coordination within Defense as I don't believe the three Assistant Chiefs of Staff for Intelligence are all approaching the problem in the same way. Specifically:

a. The Navy would treat its commanders differently from the other services, preferring not to send them any "raw intelligence."

b. No one gave any consideration to Admiral Weisner.

c. I would think REDCOM would be a logical additional command with interest in these.

I don't want to get in the middle between these and other military commanders who may be anxious to have this information after they find out their confreres have it.

3. I'd appreciate your coordinating this for Defense so that we can treat people with the relative importance that Defense assigns. I do want to keep the distribution to an absolute minimum because of the extreme sensitivity of the documents, but I don't want to overlook commands that have a genuine need to know.


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Attachments (2)

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